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In re Application of :
Juan Pablo Agudo et al. :
Application No. 09/854,913 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: May 14, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 27, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 26, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one month or thirty (30) days. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 27, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 30, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment after non-final, (2) the petition fee of \$770.00, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the petition was given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the application. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until appropriate instructions are received.

The Office acknowledges receipt of \$650.00 for the petition to revive fee. However, effective September 30, 2007 the small entity petition to revive fee is listed at \$770.00. Therefore the deficiency of \$120.00 has been charged to petitioner's deposit account, as authorized.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at (571) 272-4618.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3691 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received December 27, 2007.



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